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2017 Schedule of Meetings:

Mar. 1st, **Apr. 5th (20th Anniversary dinner off-site)**, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, Aug. 2nd, Sept. 6th, Oct. 4th, Nov. 1st, and Dec. 6th.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., meeting starts 7 p.m., at the Rockwood Public Library (inside Eramosa Community Centre) at 85 Christie Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. N0B 2K0.

2016 Annual Membership Fee:

Regular \$10

Couple \$12

Junior (14 to age 18) \$5

Under 14 Free

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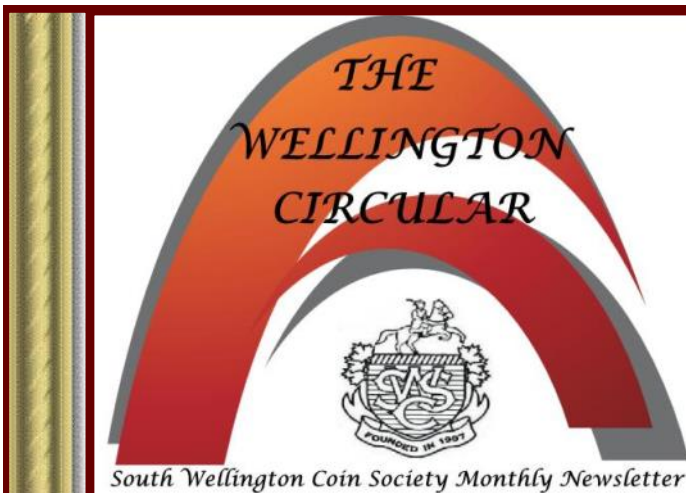
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NEXT MEETING DATE:
WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 7TH, 2016
DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.
MEETING STARTS

****7 P.M.****

THEME:
CANADIAN
FRACTAL
CURRENCY

Editor's Message

Our next meeting is Wednesday, **DECEMBER 7TH, 2016 AT **7 P.M.** (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.)!** The Eramosa-Rockwood **Food Bank will once again be coming to pick up donations of food and allied, and gift cards. We encourage all members to bring something to help this worthy cause.** For our December SWCS membership meeting, due to the valuable feedback on the auction surveys completed at our November meeting, we are switching from the previously scheduled LNS presentation on the "Coinage of the Kingdom of Hawaii" to the LNS presentation "**Canadian Fractional Currency**" 27 slides which will be presented by **Scott Douglas** if he's recovered enough from his eye surgery, otherwise by **Mike Hollingshead**.

We are very pleased to welcome our newest member **Rick Dupuis** of live show Pocket Change Radio (91.3 FM Bluewater Radio, Hanover / Walkerton, Ontario—bluewateradio.ca or pocketchangeradio.com) (also 6 years as classic rock DJ on shows like Crank It Up with his handle Rockin' Rick D — Rick's tag line 'classic rock, less talk, no shovel required'). Plans for adding a podcast are underway. Several of our members know Rick, and have even been a guest on his show. Rick is the owner of the on-line 5th Avenue Coins in Teeswater (Ontario) and eventually plans to open a store front — right now his day job keeps him pretty busy. He started collecting around age 8 through introductions by his father and grandmother who, both long-time numismatists. Two of the 1967 10-cent pieces in a new roll from a local convenience store got him hooked for life. Like many young numismatists, Rick took a break during his post-secondary education years, but came back in his late 30s when treasures were hidden in a false bottom of an old trunk found at an estate auction. Welcome Rick!!



There are **many positive changes** to the **Ontario Numismatic Convention** (Friday, April 21 - April 23, 2017). The main registration kit has dropped back to \$25, banquet tickets have been reduced to \$35 (**Scott Hopkins** is the Keynote Speaker), and the ONA promises a big increase in the number of banquet door prizes. **Scott Douglas** is organizing another terrific Educational Symposium (**Ron Cheek, Steve Bell** and **Mike Hollingshead**). Once again there will be fun kids events too! This year we have new exhibit categories, and updated rules. Registrations are now available, watch ONA website for more convention updates at <http://www.the-ona.ca/>. Register now to qualify for the **EARLY BIRD PRIZE DRAW!**

Bring along a friend or two to our next meeting, share the FUN and LAUGHTER!!



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SWCS EXECUTIVE

Term of Office: **July 1, 2015—June 30, 2018 (3 yrs)**

Board of Directors (elected)

(sets officers guidelines, but not involved in day-to-day operations EXCEPT responsible for ALL education programs and looks after ALL contracts for venues and insurance)

Chairman / Director: **Scott Douglas**

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Director Emeritus: **Robert Zmija** (Lifetime Member #1)

Director of Youth Services: **Peter Horne deus** (YN)

Officers (elected)

(run the day-to-day operations)

President: **Scott Douglas**, sdouglas333@gmail.com, **519-853-3812**
(also is club archivist, historian, and looks after medals)

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Treasurer: **Scott Douglas**

(includes all revenues generated from membership dues, meeting, and shows; and looks after advertising)

Secretary: **Judy Blackman**, jblackman@rogers.com
(includes flyers, other club notices, newsletters, public website liaison, private website webmaster, executive agendas and minutes)

Other Non-Elected IMPORTANT Club Roles

ALL Multi-Media Needs: **John Semedo**

ALL Draws and Membership Meeting Notes: **John Semedo** and **Mike Hollingshead**

Show Bourse: **Mike Hollingshead** and **Lowell Wierstra**

Auction Chairman: **Lowell Wierstra**

Auctioneers: **Mike Hollingshead** and **Scott Douglas**
Auction Runners: available executive and other members.

“Giving Back to Community” Liaison:
Heather Hoddinott

Hospitality, Mall Days and Kids’ Programs & Mentors:
Mel Brown and **Charles Turton**

Meeting Room Set-up and Clean-up:
All members present



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Here's SWCS Nov. 2nd Draws and Accolades:

We were delighted to see **Mel Brown** recovered and **Charlie Turton**, both back out to our meeting! We had 29 Regular and 1 YN out for FUN+++!!

The **Membership** Draw: Member **Steve Storey** was picked but a move outside our area likely prevented his attendance. Best wishes in your new locale, and next month's draw will be for \$10.

King Arthur's Treasure: KAT (named after our late President **Art Stephenson**) was a 92 item equivalent and won by **Peter Becker**. Congratulations Peter!

Daytona Draw: The winner was **Mel Brown** who chose envelope #3 and it was auctioned off for a final bid of \$26 by **Ernie** and **Linda Blair** of **E&L Holdings**. Mel accepted the cash and Ernie received a collection of 3 Proof sets. Starting with our December meeting, we are adding a second prize valued at over \$90 to the four envelopes so you will have a 50/50 chance of snagging a more-valuable prize by either buying a ticket OR bidding for the envelope!

Education: **Mike Hollingshead** was our November presenter (utilizing LNS's *Notes To Ancient Greek Timeline*, 30 images), and he gave us a look at Greek Coins of City States and timelines in world history. This gave us an appreciation for the advanced Greek civilization at the time. A continued big 'thank you' to the London Numismatic Society for sharing their authoritative PowerPoints with the numismatic community. LNS's leadership in this, is legendary and most appreciated by all of us looking to learn more about areas we are unfamiliar with. It's all about learning at SWCS.

On November 12th SWCS held it's heavily promoted Educational Symposium. This event was featured on Pocket Change Radio, in the Canadian Coin News and the Guelph Tribune, and many numismatic publications. As well, numerous invitations were sent out to community groups, and many phone calls and e-mails transpired with these groups as well. Many thanks to our SWCS members who helped promote and organize this event, **Scott Douglas** for organizing and booking speakers, **Mike Hollingshead** for looking after the facility and supplies, especially **Dwayne Spears** for running all over the community, **John Semedo** for doing a lot of printing, **Judy Blackman** for making the 'Happy Collectors' video and handouts, **Garry George** for getting the bank notes, and to **CAFNE** for a grant to assist, and to the **Royal Canadian Legion** for providing a great room.

Many thanks to our Speakers: **Chris Boyer**, **Ben Dettweiler**, **Mike Hollingshead**, **Lisa McPherson**, and our commentator and speaker **Scott Douglas**. Each of the 5 speakers was presented a suitably engraved uniface SWCS gold-plated brass medal in appreciation.



We are pleased to have a new member join our club at the symposium, and another two people express interest in the club. We were also happy to hear interest in the upcoming kids event at in Toronto, and the next SWCS coin show. We were able to hold a mock auction with play money, and for some, this was their first time ever seeing and / or participating in any type of auction.

Most of all, we were happy with the positive feedback from those in attendance, and the sheer glee on some faces, especially **Theo's**!



We had **17** folks and volunteers come in and out of sessions depending on which portion they came to see, and others who remained for the full event. (see picture next page—Nov. 12 pictures courtesy of **Scott Douglas** and **Judy Blackman**)

Chris Boyer and **Lisa McPherson** shared a chocolate coin video which was uncannily very much like making real coins, ran an auction, and brought out treat bags for kids. Thanks to **Robb McPherson** for helping **Chris** and **Lisa** slug stuff in and out of the room.

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Auction:

Forty lots were up of grabs at 'bargoon' pricing. New member **Tino Schito** volunteered to run the lots and got his exercise, and **Mike Hollingshead** hammered down the lots. Thank you to our consignors, cheerers and bidders and even those mildly interested!

Thank you to **John Semedo** and **Garry George** who surveyed those in attendance, and we listened to what you had to say. Results on the next page.

We will have smaller individual lots consisting of 1-3 items; we will try to ensure all items are out of bags and easily viewable; and we will shorten our description and attempt a larger font on our auction sheet. We will also try for items that fall in club members majority interests. We will remain with 40 lots (subject to sufficient material consigned) going forward.

Lowell Wierstra is now accepting consignments for April-June 2017 meetings. We will continue our very reasonable consignment rates!

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Of the folks present at our November 2016 SWCS membership meeting, 17 turned in completed / partially completed Members' Auction Survey sheet, and the rest turned in blank sheets. Of the non-blank sheets, here's the summary:

*76% indicated the Auction is important to them, 24% not important or left the question unanswered, —**therefore we will continue the hold auctions at our meetings**

*59% want the Auction left at 40 lots, 29% want it reduced to 30-35%, and 10% want it 20-25 — **therefore we will leave it at 40 lots**

*59% have consigned to a club Auction, 41% have not — however 71% of those said they don't want to sell any of their collections — **we welcome your consignments**

*71% knew we had low Auction consignment fees—comments “very reasonable”, 2% did not know, and 27% did not answer the question — **we will continue our current consignment fee schedule**

Variety was a great response with lots of additional comments:

4 people want “All of the Above” (obviously the survey should have had that option to tick off—*these are included in the percentages below*), 1 did not fill out that section. Here's the preferences indicated — **it's clear the club has shifted from a strong foreign collecting atmosphere to a stronger Canadian:**

***94% - Canadian Circulated Coins**

***75% - Canadian Bank Notes**

***63% - Canadian Charter Notes; Canadian Tokens / Medals; Canadian Certified Coins; Canadian Commemoratives; Foreign Circulated Coins**

***56% - Foreign Bank Notes; Canadian NLT Coins; Silver / Gold Bullion;**

***50% - Ancient Coins**

***44% - Canadian Militaria; Numismatic Supplies**

***38% - Foreign Tokens / Medals; Numismatic Club Medals, etc.; Numismatic Books / CDs / DVDs; Coin Banks**

***31% - Foreign Commemoratives; Love Tokens, Coin Jewelry**

***25% - Store Coupons / Scrip; Foreign Militaria (note this is the sheets that ticked all of the above, otherwise this would be 0%)**

Countries (folks ticking off Foreign were asked to indicate the countries of interest):

46% — Doesn't matter / All / (listed) and Many More (*included in the percentages below*)

73% — Great Britain / United Kingdom / England and Australia

55% — Germany and Austria

46% — Arab States

46% — Asian

46% — Netherlands

46% — South America

46% — Swiss

46% — United States

46% — Zimbabwe

We listen to you

Your feedback is essential for our work

As you can see, there is no specific reference to Central Americas, the Far-East (Orient), and the East / West Indies (Caribbean).

**Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey,
your input is important to our future planning.**

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Happy 95th Birthday Bob!

We were pleased to have a 95th birthday celebration at our November 2nd meeting for SWCS Charter Member **Robert (Bob) Zmija** whose birthday is November 21st. Many thanks to **Heather Hoddinott** for looking after the cake and allied items. These Nov. 2nd meeting pictures are courtesy of **Scott Douglas**.



As well, on November 12th, SWCS members were invited to the Royal Canadian Legion in Fergus for another birthday celebration for WWII Veteran Bob, his family sponsored (his sons and daughters and many grandchildren) a reception and dinner commencing at 3 p.m. on this date as it was the closest date the Legion had available to his actual birthday.



2 x \$90 & \$95 Prize Envelopes

Daytona Draw

We are including it in every monthly draw until its won!!!

BUY TICKETS every meeting!!

50-50 chance of winning

BIG prize in 4 envelopes!!

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Giving Back:

In addition to our donations presented this summer to the JD Ferguson Foundation and to CAFNE, SWCS is proud to be contributing this month to these charities: Rockwood Library \$200, East Wellington Community Services Food Bank (Eramosa-Rockwood) 20 x \$20 WalMart Gift Cards PLUS the members' contributions brought to our December 7th meeting; and \$400 to the Ministry of Royal City Church Christian Life Centre "Daily Bread for Everyone" program.



The Zimmerman Bank

courtesy of CanadaCurrency.com

The Zimmerman Bank was open from October 1854 until 1859 when it changed its name to the Bank of Clifton. The Zimmerman Bank was founded by its namesake Samuel Zimmerman, along with the Honourable John Hilyard Cameron, Luther H. Holton, James A. Woodruff, James Oswald, John L. Ranney, and Richard Woodruff. The bank originally started as a "free bank" and in 1855 it obtained a charter. When Samuel Zimmerman died in March 1857 it was decided that bank operations should wrap up and be sold. The Bank of Upper Canada took over its note redemptions in 1858 and in 1859 the Bank of Clifton was formed from what was left of The Zimmerman Bank. Bank notes from The Zimmerman Bank can be broken down into two categories, free bank issues and charter bank issues.

Free Bank Notes 1854-1855: These bank notes should have issue dates of November 1854 or October 1st 1855. The dates are written as 2 Nov. 1854 and 1st Oct. 1855. One, three, five, ten, and twenty dollar bank notes were printed. Notes of the one and five dollar denomination are occasionally available, all other denominations are very rare.

These were printed by Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co. Montreal. Each note should be signed by G. McMicken and S. Zimmerman.



Elgin Bank Notes from 1856: Similar bank note designs were used for 1856 \$1, \$3, \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills from 1856. The earlier bank notes have text that reads "Secured By Deposit of Provincial Securities" and bank notes from 1856 read as "Capital One Million Dollars" and Elgin is printed on 1856 notes. The artwork is the same but these bank notes should have the denomination written in big red or blue letters on the front and back of each note. The back wording could be a mirror image, so instead of saying FIVE it might read as EVIF (except the letters themselves would also be mirrored). The currency should be signed by G. McMicken and S. Zimmerman or J.W. Dunklee and S. Zimmerman. Dates could be June 7, July 7, August 7, or December 1. Most bank notes like this should sell for around \$100 to \$300, or more if they are especially high grade. Ten and twenty dollar bills are definitely rarer. Please contact CanadaCurrency.com if you have one of those.



Clifton Bank Notes from 185_: These are the last bank notes printed by The Zimmerman Bank. They are like earlier issues except that now the location of Clifton instead of Elgin is printed on the front of each bank note. These only exist as remainders today. If you have one that has a full date or signatures then it has been added after the fact and that actually lowers the value of the bank note.





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Annual Spring Show
Saturday, MAY 6TH, 2017
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

* BUY * SELL * TRADE * EVALUATIONS *
AT OVER 35 DEALER TABLES

Admission Only \$3 (free under age 16):
includes Draw for a Gold Coin!
Lunch Counter, Free Parking, Wheelchair
Access

Location: **Branch 234—Colonel John McCrae Memorial Legion**
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Wide Variety: Foreign and Canadian Coins, Medals, Tokens, Banknotes,
Script, Canadian Tire Coupons, Coin Supplies
and More. Something for Everyone!



Mark Your Calendar For Our Other Upcoming Shows

FIRST Saturday in May
FOURTH Saturday in September

all held at **Branch 234— Colonel John
McCrae Memorial Legion:**

FUTURE SHOWS:

Spring:

May 5, 2018

Fall:

September 23, 2017

September 22, 2018



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What's In Your Attic Or Basement?



Mike Hollingshead found an interesting bank when his family cleaned out his Mom's house. The house was built at the start of the Depression and was heated by a Gilson coal furnace, a monster in the basement. Mike recalls shovelling coal into it as a youth before the family switched to a gas furnace in 1964. The bank Mike found, is an exact replica of the furnace as you can see from this photo (left). This 4-7/8 inches tall aluminum advertising 'boiler shaped' still bank is for Gilson Magic Furnace Guelph and dates around the 1950s. It has a slot at the top and screw opening on the back. The bank was made by the J.E. Gilson Foundry in Guelph.

This history and images are courtesy of a eBay seller selling another one of these banks like the one Mike found in his Mom's house. The listing (bank photo right) for May 8, 2013 had a reserve of \$225 U.S. (Cdn. \$305) and the seller received 3 offers under the reserve and declined them all.



In 1855 Theodore Gilson came to Milwaukee and soon settled in Port Washington (Wisconsin, USA). He founded Gilson Manufacturing. There was no mass fabrication of parts. The only real machining that could be found was at the gunsmith shop. If you needed any kind of shape to the metal part you needed, it was made from cast iron, such as cast iron pots and pans. The products that Gilson was

known to have made from 1855 until 1900 included heating stoves / furnaces, farm plows, other various and non-descript farm implements, cooking utensils, and closer to 1900 "chair irons." the swivel and movable backrest of office chairs originates to a Gilson patent.

Theodore was succeeded in this business by his son John and grandson John E. (learn about a third John later in this article). During this period around 1898 Harry Bolens joined the company. This marked the period during which the Gilson Gasoline engines were developed.

By 1911 there was a Gilson Manufacturing Limited facility in Guelph (Ontario, Canada) producing engines. In 1914 the Gilson family owned companies with locations in Port Washington and Guelph were sold.

The Port Washington operation was sold to Harry Bolens and initially continued operations as Gilson Manufacturing, then as Gilson-Bolens Manufacturing, and then about 1940 it was Bolens Manufacturing. The Guelph location went on to produce major kitchen appliances such as ovens, stoves, and refrigerators and other metal items

such as chairs.

Now at this point John & John E. Gilson mentioned above established the JE Gilson Foundry and produced hand tools along with grey and ductile iron castings for industry. This business continued into the early 1960s until the foundry was consumed by fire one night and never rebuilt. By now a path of snowblowers, tractors, tillers and other implements began.

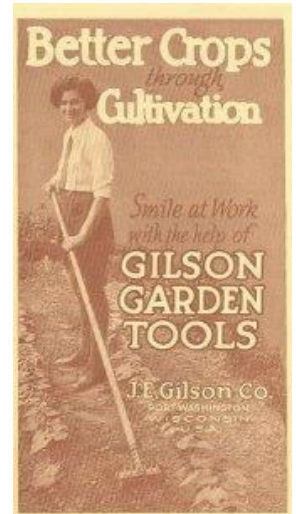
Meanwhile somewhere around 1909 two Gilson brothers arrived from Luxembourg (Germany) being Philip and yet another John. They started out working for Gilson Manufacturing and then in 1911 moved to Fredonia (Wisconsin) and founded Gilson Brothers Manufacturing—they were also in the foundry business manufacturing some products such as cement mixers which are still made today.



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The early years of the company also saw them produce silo fillers and other farm machinery. Around 1955 a son-in-law of John Gilson was controlling the company and it was under his direction the company moved toward consumer outdoor power equipment (tractors, snowblowers, tillers, roto-tillers), and a large factory was built in the mid-1960s in Plymouth (Wisconsin) which led to closing the Fredonia plant. Eventually the Gilson family was out of the picture but the brand name was retained.

By the 1970s the company was producing machines with robust cast iron components and were leaders in innovation (such as the UniTrol 1972 Super-8 lawn tractor). Like many companies, Gilson diversified utilizing their talents and facilities (mini-bikes, barbeque grills, and other lines were now added). In 1988 LawnBoy acquired Gilson and in 1989 TORO acquired LawnBoy as a division of TORO. The Gilson cement and mortar mixers lines were sold to Cleform (Missouri) and later transferred to Marshalltown, and continue to be sold under the Gilson name.



Local Clubs & Numismatic Associations Upcoming Shows & Conventions

*For other shows (out-of-province, out-of-country, dealers, auction houses),
go to Canadian Coin News Events Page, <http://canadiancoinnews.com/events/>*

- ♦ **2016-DECEMBER 4: ROTARY CLUB OF BRAMPTON COIN & TRADING CARD SHOW** (sponsors **B&W Coins & Tokens** and the **Rotary Club of Brampton**) at the Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Road East, Brampton, ON L6V 1N4. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and admission \$3 (under 14 free), and free parking. Funds raised for Children's Charities. Contact Willard Burton: 905-450-2870, or e-mail willardb@bwcoin.com.
- ♦ **2017-JANUARY 13-15 (3 DAYS): UNIPEX STAMP & COIN SHOW** at the Montecassino Hotel, 3710 Chesswood Drive, Downsview, ON M6L 2C4. Contact Susan Cartini: 416-242-5900, or e-mail susancartini@rogers.com.
- ♦ **2017-FEBRUARY 5: SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO NUMISMATICS COIN AND COLLECTABLES (S.W.O.N.)** at the Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver St., Paris, ON N3L 1V4, hours 9-4, 35 dealers, hot and cold food and beverages. Contact Ted Bailey: 519-442-3474, or e-mail tedscollectables@bellnet.ca.
- ♦ **2017-FEBRUARY 18: COIN-A-RAMA** at the Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd. East, Oshawa, ON L1J 2B4, hours 9:30-5, free hourly draws and admission. Contact Sharon Maclean: 905-728-1352, or e-mail papman@bell.net, <http://www.oshawacoinclub.ca>.
- ♦ **2017-FEBRUARY 19: COIN AND STAMP SHOW** at the Elks Club, 325 Elks Ln., North Bay, ON P1B 7T6, free admission and parking. Contact John Burns: 705-490-0042 or e-mail jburns29@cogeco.ca.
- ♦ **2017-FEBRUARY 25: CANADIAN TIRE COUPON COLLECTORS SHOW** at the Hyatt Regency, 370 King St. West, Toronto, ON M5V 1J9, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., admission and parking free. Contact Roger Fox: 905-898-7677 or e-mail r_fox@bell.net, website <http://www.ctccc.ca>.
- ♦ **2017-FEBRUARY 25-26 (2 day): CANADA'S NATIONAL CON SHOW** at the Hyatt Regency, 370 King St. West, Toronto, ON M5V 1J9, Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Admission \$7 (under 16 Free), Friday pre-view auction, official auctioneer The Canadian Numismatic Company. Contact Brian R. Smith: 416-705-5348 or e-mail brian@torex.net, website <http://www.torex.net>.

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In Fond Memory of Verne

Our friend and long-standing SWCS show dealer, **Frederick Vernon ("Verne") Hoskins** passed away in his 80th year on Saturday, October 15, 2016, surrounded by his loving wife of 55 years (**Dorothy**), his 5 children (and their spouses), and many grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Verne was the only son of **Doris** (nee **Robertson**) and **Arthur Hoskins**. Verne was raised in Port Dover by his grand-parents **Josephine** and **Fred Hoskins**. Following the family tradition of serving his country, Verne joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and was stationed in Germany during the Cold War. Upon his return, he worked at American Can for 17 years before becoming the proud owner of Verne Hoskins Fisheries Ltd. and Captain of the Glendave. Former member of a number of associations including Port Dover Harbour Authority, Port Dover Marine Museum, Fisherman's Memorial Heritage Committee, East Lake Erie Fisherman's Association, and lifelong member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #158. Verne was a great history buff and loved to read. Numismatic and other collecting and dealing brought enjoyment to his life and many good memories in his retirement years.



We will miss you Verne, Rest In Peace!

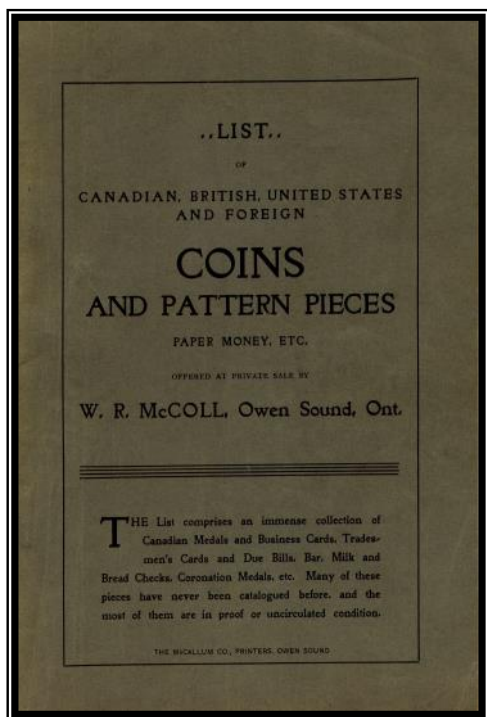
Numismatic Auction Catalogues An Important Research Tool

[DYK #085]



.....that auction sale catalogues are a valuable research tool that deserves a prominent position on your library shelf?

The information that is compiled in an auction catalogue not only describes the coin, token, medal or banknote but leaves a distinct trail that may be traced at a future time. This is especially true for banknote collectors who are able to keep track of any note through the serial number and medal collectors that can trace an awarded medal. The name on the medal makes the item unique and easy to identify. For the token collector invaluable information is available as to the composition of tokens that are known in brass, copper, white metal and aluminum. In the early days of auction sale catalogues base metal composition was not always recorded. However, gold and silver generally was. One example of the importance of this information, of many I could give, is the time when a medal awarded to the Owen Sound Horticultural Society came to auction in the 1990's through Jeffrey Hoare auctions. Because I had the original Geoffrey Charlton Adams catalogue of the WR McColl sale in 1904 and the medal was engraved I could tell that this medal originally had resided in McColl's personal collection. This had added appeal for me and I successfully pursued this item for my collection. It rests happily there to this day! Whenever I research a token that I suspect may be scarce I go through the many catalogues in my library and let the number of appearances at auction tell me if the token may or may not be scarce or rare. If it appears often then it is likely easy to come by. This information is invaluable to me as a researcher and a collector.



Today we are fortunate to have the internet at our fingertips but most 19th and 20th century auction sale catalogues are not easily found online. Today we also enjoy a printed prices realized list to go with our auction catalogue after completion of the sale. In the early days you would need to order a `priced` catalogue that was created by the auction house employing an individual to go through each catalogue and write down a price beside each lot. Also, the price written in the margin was what each item in the lot sold for. For instance if a lot had four tokens and sold for .80 cents the number 20 was recorded beside the lot.

In Canada the first numismatic auction is thought to have been held November 2nd and 3rd, 1865 and consisted of *Ancient, Middle Age and Modern Coins and Medals in Gold, Silver and Bronze* being the property of the late James Rattray. The auctioneer was John J. Arnton. The sale took place in Montreal. This catalogue is exceedingly scarce with only a few copies known to have survived.

During the late 1800's and into about 1920 many Canadians participated in coin auction sales held in the United States. Some of our most well know numismatists bought and sold their collections through these same American auction houses.

These are just a few examples;

- P.N. Breton – S.H. & H. Chapman (May 1901).
- Gerald Hart – Ed Frossard (Dec 1888).
- F.J. Grenny – Ed Frossard (Oct 1893).
- W.R. McColl – Geoffrey Charlton Adams (Sept & Nov 1904).
- David A. Woods – Lyman Low (Dec. 1913).
- Joseph Hooper - Ed Frossard (July & Oct 1892). S.H. & H. Chapman (Feb. 1903).
- P.O. Tremblay - S.H. & H. Chapman (December 1899).

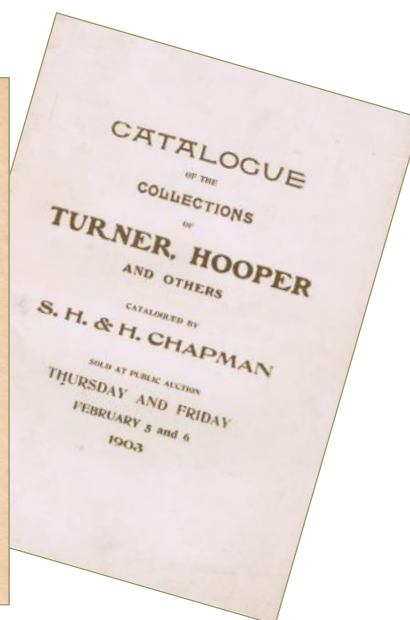
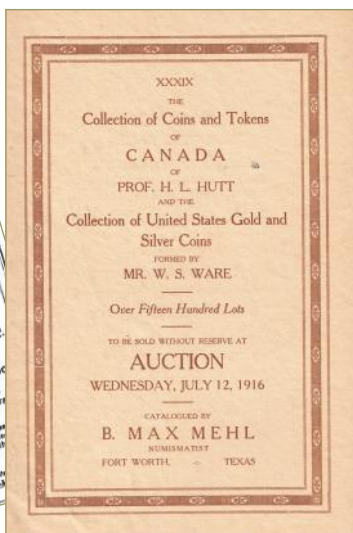
Canadian auction sales were not prevalent in Canada until sometime into the 1950's when organized numismatics began to take root such as the Canadian Numismatic Association (CNA). James Charlton had much to do with this and ran many auctions on his own and in conjunction with the CNA conventions. Several others followed.

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Today's catalogues, for the most part, are of superior quality with high gloss pages and beautiful photographs of the numismatic pieces being offered. The price to create these catalogues is reflected in the buyer's premium being charged by the auction house. Some of these catalogues, both American and Canadian, are so heavy they have collapsed some shelves of my bookcases. This usually seems to happen at 3am and not quietly I may add.

The catalogues of the 19th century had, with rare exception, no photographic plates and were made of a standard paper. The covers were made of poor quality and are often found today missing or crumbling to the touch. The main reason for this is that it was the custom for collectors to remove the covers and have the catalogues bound together. This was expected to happen. Bound editions have been found consisting of one auction company's catalogues for a particular year or several different auction company catalogues from the same year bound together. Numismatists kept these editions close at hand and would reference them constantly into the future.

In my humble opinion auction sale catalogues, past and present, represent important value at a very minimal cost. Hunting down some of the older catalogues featuring our forefathers collections can be as exciting as searching for that illusive coin for your collection and worth every minute.



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7	Canada 1958 silver dollar B C	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00		
8	Canada 1953 silver dollar	\$ 25.00	\$ 12.00		
9	Canada 1960 silver dollar	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00		
10	Canada 1961 silver dollar	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00		
11	Canada 1963 silver dollar	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00		
12	Canada 1965 silver dollar blunt 5 sm beads MS62 V2	\$ 32.00	\$ 15.00		
13	Canada 1966 silver dollar EF	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00		
14	Canada 1967 silver dollar F	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00		
15	Canada 1965 half silver dollar unc	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.00		
16	Canada 1965 silver dollar ptd 5 sm beads ICCS MS63 V	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00		
17	Canada 1955 silver dollar ICCS EF 40	\$ 30.00	\$ 12.00		
18	Canada 1953 silver dollar NSF ICCS MS60	\$ 35.00	\$ 15.00		
19	Canada 1964 silver dollar ICCS PL65	\$ 30.00	\$ 14.00		
20	Canada 1979 quarter ICCS MS67	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00		
21	Canada 1990 quarter proof cameo	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.00		
22	Canada 1988 quarter proof cameo	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
23	Canada 1989 quarter proof cameo	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
24	Canada 1987 nickel proof cameo	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
25	Canada 1983 nickel proof cameo	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
26	Canada 1968 dollar ICCS MS67 normal is	\$ 70.00	\$ 25.00		
27	Canada 1986 dollar ICCS MS64	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00		
28	Canada 1979 half dollar ICCS MS67	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00		
29	Canada 1985 nickel ICCS MS66	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00		
30	Canada 1979 nickel ICCS MS67	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00		
31	Canada 1977 quarter ICCS MS67	\$ 45.00	\$ 20.00		
32	Canada 1985 quarter ICCS MS67	\$ 40.00	\$ 15.00		
33	Canada 1977 dime ICCS MS67	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00		
34	Canada 1985 dime ICCS MS67	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00		
35	Canada 1987 dime ICCS MS67	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00		
36	Canada 1978 dime ICCS MS67	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00		
37	Canada 1978 dime ICCS MS67	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00		
38	Canada 1988 nickel ICCS MS66	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00		
39	Canada 2004 quarter ICCS MS65	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00		
40	Canada 1984 nickel proof cameo	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		

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